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## CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**  
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**DATE: 7/26/2021**  
**DOCKET #:**

### FILER INFORMATION

Name: Stephanie Bridges  
Office: Judge, Criminal District Court, Section K  
Parish: ORLEANS  
Election Date: 11/3/2020  
Level of Office: Major

### REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 40-G  
Original Due Date: 1/14/2021  
Date Filed: 1/22/2021  
Activity Receipts: \$1,115.00  
Expenditures: \$1,672.32  
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$4,104.21

### LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$800  
Days Late: 8  
Late Fee Order Received: 3/3/2021  
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 3/23/2021  
Waiver Request Received: 3/16/2021  
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical - ATTACHED
- Financial
- Other

**COMMENTS:** Candidate faxed in her waiver request and states she has exercised due diligence in the filing of her reports prior to the 40-G report. She said after the 11/3 election an onslaught of difficulties beset her family. Specifically the youngest son underwent emergency surgery and his sibling contracted Covid 19. She states that due to her familial circumstances she asked her campaign manager to complete and file the report. She said that until she received a call from Ethics she did not know that the report was not filed. She said the on-going health issues facing her family and financial strain of the campaign present financial hardships that will be exacerbated by this fee.

### OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

#### Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No  
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No  
Reassessed Late Fees: No

#### Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No  
Prior Late Fees: No

**Bridges Law Group, L.L.C.**

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March 16, 2021

**FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL**

Ms. Melissa Horn  
Louisiana Board of Ethics  
P. O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

RE: Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election  
40-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report filed 8 days late

Dear Ms. Horn:

I am in receipt of the aforementioned notice. This communication arrives to formally request a waiver of the late fee assessment.

I have exercised due diligence in the filing of my campaign finance reports and timely complied pursuant to La R.S. 18:1505.4 throughout my candidacy prior to the November 3, 2020 40-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report.

During my inaugural judicial effort, I relied heavily on Ms. Michele Andrieu (Compliance Investigator of the Campaign Finance Division) for direction concerning compliance with campaign finance reporting requirements. Whenever I had difficulty in completing/filing required reports, I would call on Ms. Andrieu who would painstakingly guide me through the process. As a novice, I truly appreciated her kindhearted assistance and support. I was truly grateful for her professionalism and patience throughout this process. I gained extreme insight and respect for your office throughout the process.

Just after the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Election, an onslaught of difficulties beset my family. Specifically, my youngest son underwent emergency surgery as his sibling contracted Covid-19. Due to my familial circumstances, I asked my campaign manager to complete and file the report. It was not until I received a personal call from Ms. Andrieu that I learned that the report had not filed.

When I spoke to Ms. Andrieu on or around January 15, 2021, she informed me that she wanted to make certain that I had received the notices of the late filing. I explained to her my situation, and she said that due to the circumstances she would extend my deadline to January 22, 2021. I filed the report on January 22, 2021.

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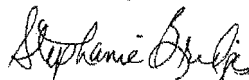
Due to my family's emergency health crisis (my youngest son's emergency surgery and my other son's diagnosis of Covid-19) and my family's ongoing impact of health issues, I respectfully request a waiver of the assessment of my late fee for filing the November 3, 2020 40-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report 8 days late.

The on-going health issues facing my family and financial strain of the campaign present financial hardships that will be exacerbated by this fee. Please know that my failure to timely file was not with disregard or disrespect for the rules – merely a consequence of an extremely overwhelming time globally, nationally and personally.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request and stand ready to provide any additional documentation necessary to resolve this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 504-915-4895.

With kindest regards and many thanks for your professional courtesies, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Stephanie Bridges, Esq.

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# URGENT FAX MESSAGE!

**To:****From:** Stephanie Bridges**Phone****Phone** (504) 602-9603 \* 102**Fax** (225) 381-7271**Fax** 15046029603**Date** 03/16/2021**Pages:** 3**Note:**

Attn: Ms. Melissa Horn  
Louisiana Board of Ethics  
P. O. Box 4368  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

**RE:** Late fee assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election  
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Dear Ms. Horn:

Attached is my letter formally requesting a waiver of the late fee assessment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 504/915-4895.

Please email (sbridges@noccj.org) or fax (504\309-0191) response documents to me at your earliest convenience.

# URGENT FAX MESSAGE!



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June 4, 2021

Ms. Stephanie Bridges  
Bridges Law Group, LLC  
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New Orleans, LA 71030

**RE: Ethics Board Docket No.: 2021**

Dear Ms. Bridges:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the November 3, 2020 election. In the request, you stated that you had several family medical situations that caused the delay with filing your 40-G report. If you would like the Board to consider your family medical situation, you must provide documentation verifying your claim, such as diagnosis, test results, discharge documents. The information you provide will only be reviewed by the Ethics Board.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **July 15, 2021**.

Sincerely,

**Melissa Horn**